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GOLD STANDARD A ROPE OF SAND.

In Times of War and Panic It Has Always Proved Worthless—Present Burden of Taxation Bears Heavily on Productive Property—The Best Primary Money.

There is not a nation on the face of the earth where the single gold standard is thoroughly established, that ever expects to pay the principal of its public debt, and now the money kings of the world are using the Republican party as a tool to bring the United States to the same condition. When "Old Ben Allen," a distinguished citizen of Ohio, said, "Gold redemption is a barren ideality," he uttered a frozen truth that will be recognized as we grow older and wiser. In times of war, panic, trouble and tribulations the gold standard has always proved a rope of sand.

Gold will go where it can get the most. Gold is coming here now because there is a bread famine in Europe and food products are cheaper here than anywhere else. If the war with Spain had lasted several years, the owners of gold would have lost faith in the equivalent of gold and hid their treasures as they did when the blue and gray met in mortal combat.

When our government is spending from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 a day for an indefinite time to kill, to burn and to lay waste, the owners of gold will put a lock on our standard of value, and they will hold the key. The Republican party proposed interest bearing bonds as a war measure, and, under the national banking law, set to loan to the bondholders the people's paper money without interest, so that the un-taxed bondholders can draw interest on all their bonds and all they own, and, at the same time levy on the people's war taxes. A bond issue locks up the money for circulation and from the tax-gatherer.

While the supreme court has declared that it is unconstitutional to tax the incomes of the rich the burden of the present taxation bears heavily on the men who own productive property and employ labor. Producers are now paying taxes on property that pays no dividends. Property that pays dividends escapes taxation. There is so much property that is untaxed that towns and cities are forced to issue bonds to pay running expenses.

We have now all the blessings and sweetness of the gold standard, but the taxpayer has hard work to get the tax-paying dollar. The good old town of Turner has a state valuation of a little less than \$700,000. Last year the selectman borrowed \$4,000 to pay the school-teachers and other town charges, because last year's taxes could not be raised without too much strain. At our last March meeting that town voted to issue \$4,000 of 20 year bonds to cover the deficiency of last year's uncollected taxes.

The nearby town of Summer is going to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town this year. The town voted to appropriate the magnificent sum of \$25 for a celebration that can only come once in 100 years. These two incidents in the towns of Turner and Summer illustrate how heavy is the present burden of taxation.

The multitude of taxpayers are wearing their old clothes and buying nothing new. There are carpets in the homes of the people, but they are all old carpets. A late large auction sale of carpets was very unsatisfactory; prices were below one-half the cost of production. What little the people buy they wait for bankrupt sales, and they don't have to wait long, either. Everybody is hunting for a chance to buy cheap. Our restricted consumption is confined to goods that are for sale at less than the cost of production. Under the existing conditions war taxes won't pay out as they did in the war between the states. Before war taxes were levied paper money was primary money. Gold was frozen out of the internal commerce of the country and the premium on gold was of no account except to gold gamblers. During the war and years after when we had plenty of good money and a standard of value the gold gamblers could not corner, the manufacturers of New England paid large war taxes and the burden was hardly a featherweight. When the greenback was primary money, the producer paid internal revenue taxes from his profits. The more he produced the more taxes he paid and the more profits he made. But when wise men discovered that the greenbacks were not "honest" money and gold alone was made primary money conditions were brought about that paid a bounty to idle money at the expense of productive property. There is plenty of idle money within easy reach of the wheat gamblers, but beyond the reach of the honest producer.

The mills of New England have been on a gold basis for the last 15 years, but they can't pay war taxes now without cutting down wages to a point below decent living. If wages are cut again, men and women who are working in the New England mills will use hog's grease instead of butter. That means that the taxpaying dollar will come harder to patrons of the Turner Center creamery as the taxpayers' property depreciates and the untaxed bond appreciates.

The supreme court has decided that the government has the right to issue legal tender money. The time has come to make paper money primary money, and enough of it—supplemented with taxes to carry on the war—is issued by the United States government for value received redeemable in taxes and exchangeable in silver or gold at such time as will best suit the pleasure and convenience of the government. If treasury notes are issued redeemable in gold

on demand, there will be a demand for more gold to increase the gold reserve. If paper money is made primary money, gold will be frozen out of the business of our country. More greenbacks on a gold basis will not seek the channels of commerce, because they will earn more hoarded and invested in business, but legal tender paper money will seek the channels of commerce because there will be profit in parting with it. There is no need of bonds that escape all the burdens of the war. The need is money. Get away from the gold gamblers and trust the people. Give the people plenty of good money that the gold gamblers cannot corner, and the people will provide ways and means for the army and navy, and at the same time prosper in their homes, on their farms, in their shops, in their stores, in their mines and in their mills. It is said that great prosperity is coming to this country because wheat and mules have "rix." There is no rise in anything except food products, and army and navy supplies. After 15 years of the blessings of the single standard—years of peace and abundant harvests—the only glimmer of prosperity that is in sight comes through war and famine.

—SOLOMON CHASE.

REWARD OF THE FARMERS.

Ridiculous Claims of a Gold Standard Newspaper.

"As if to reward the farmers for supporting the gold standard," says the Chicago Times-Herald, "nature has forced the purchase of \$800,000,000 of our products by foreign lands." It is certainly disconcerting to find that both God and nature are in cahoots with the Republican party. It will be news to you to learn that nature, probably acting under God's direction, caused a failure of the wheat crop throughout the world and starved millions of people in India, Italy, Spain and other gold standard countries in order to reward the American farmers for voting for McKinley.

Really, are these plutocrats lunatics, or is it possible that their dupes are such asses as to swallow rot of that kind—rot that appears as an editorial in the paper mentioned? Nature does not support a money standard or any other scheme of men. She dispenses an even handed justice to all and will wipe the Republican party off the earth, even though it be a great exponent of sound money, for disregarding her laws just as quick as she will gather into the kingdom come the meekest, most chumpish voting king that ever sold his ballot for a drink. But while the plutes can't monkey with nature very much they have had their own sweet ways with the working classes so long that perhaps they have conceived the idea that they are in league with God and nature.

—COMING NATION.

INCOMES SHOULD BE TAXED.

Burden of Taxation Now Rests on Those Least Able to Pay.

That the Democratic platform adopted at the state convention of Illinois is worthy of hearty approval on the part of the people needs no argument. Following the silver plank comes a declaration that will appeal to the sense of justice in every heart not hardened by selfish interest. This plank reads as follows: "We demand the adoption of a fair and equitable tax on income and an amendment to the constitution of the United States if necessary to accomplish this purpose."

This is just and reasonable on its face. As the law now stands the burden of taxation is placed on the shoulders of those least able to pay it. The man who has an income of \$10,000 a year may be able to avoid taxation entirely, but the man who earns \$1 a day must pay heavy taxation and has no chance to evade such payment. By the vote of one man on the supreme bench it has been decided that an income tax is unconstitutional. Although this is simply the opinion of one man, it is binding so long as it is not reversed, and perhaps the simplest way to reverse it is to secure a constitutional amendment. In the long run justice will be secured, and the Democratic party of Illinois is pledged by their platform to aid in its securing, not only in this case, but in other cases which will be referred to later on.

Legalized Thieving.

It does not require argument to establish the fact that the products of the world belong to the men who raise them, neither does it require argument to convict as thieves in the minds of all rational people, the men who are depriving the producers of the benefits of their products.—Flaming Sword.

True Democrats.

The Democratic party, when war seemed near at hand, advised a speedy conflict with the foe; patriotic speeches were made throughout the land.

Democrats who volunteered to go.

And the heroes brave are counted name for name.

As many friends of silver as advocates of gold You'll find have earned the shoulder straps of fame.

From the brave and fearless Dewey and the gallant Winfield Scott.

To the humblest private fighting in the ranks Surrounding Mantua or in Manila bay.

The Democrats were foremost with the Yanks.

No party can deprive them of the glories they have won.

On their military record we'll stand pat.

As sure as the eastern horizon welcomes the morning sun.

Our next president will be a Democrat.

Bivouacking in Cuba and the far-off Philippines.

Beneath the starry flag of Uncle Sam Two arms wrap in slumber are dreaming peaceful dreams.

Sheltered by the mango and the palm.

When the enemy surrenders, which is soon will have to do.

Within our hearts we'll have some grizzly plants.

And welcome home the gallant boys who bravely wore the blue.

And camp them there as silver Democrats.

—G. B. HUGHES.

CURRENCY REFORMERS.

NATIONAL BANK CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY GREENBACKS.

SILVER ALSO TO BE WIPE OUT.

Government Notes Which Do Not Pay Usury to Be Withdrawn From Circulation and Their Places Taken by National Bank Notes Drawing Interest—A Fine Scheme for the Shylocks.

The object of national bank "reformers" in "simplifying" the currency is itself simplified when we see that the species of currency they desire to destroy consists of silver or notes issued by the government directly to the people for debts that bear no interest, while those that are preserved and held sacred are either gold that does not circulate or notes issued by banks that represent government debts that do bear interest. Out of these millions of currency there is only \$223,827,755 that is issued by the national banks and represent a debt upon which they can draw interest from the government, while \$861,655,767 representing silver money and government notes in active, running at large, and popular with the people, issued by the government and not producing a single cent of usury to the national banks.

When the currency reformers look upon that \$861,655,767 carrying blessings to humble homes, animating with hope the worn paths of labor, thrusting the torch of prosperity into the dark corners of wretchedness and poverty, and maintaining its mission of love and charity absolutely free from the finger of the usurer, thoughts come over them like those that came to General Blucher when, after the battle of Waterloo in company with the British officers he was viewing the wealth and splendor of London, and it so impressed him with a lack of "simplification" that he was constrained to remark aside to a companion: "Mein Gott! Vat a vine city to sack!"

In eliminating this part of our currency they do not propose to contract the general volume of currency that is not to their interest. They propose that the government shall withdraw this \$861,655,767 by degrees, say, \$250,000 of it annually, and issue in its stead government bonds bearing interest, which bonds are to be purchased by the national banks, and these banks will issue national bank notes which are to take the place of the \$861,655,767 in the currency of the country. In other words, the national banks will gather in the obnoxious currency now outstanding on which the government pays no interest. They will give this to the government, and the latter will give them an equal amount of bonds that bear interest, and the banks will be permitted to issue their own notes to borrowers at a high rate of interest to the amount of the currency withdrawn and secure their redemption with the bonds they receive from the government.

There are numerous schemes in progress to effect this currency reform. They differ in the extent to which it is to be carried out in method and detail, but the general effect and purpose of all is above stated and in line with the present national bank system. That they will harmonize their differences when the moment is ripe there is not the slightest doubt with those who have the least knowledge of their intelligence, unity of interest and generous self sacrifice for the triumph of their classes. The prospect that invites the national banks to perseverance is the most alluring that has tempted the imagination since that which struck the gaze of Christ upon the mount to which the devil took him. The people can no longer be the creditor of their own government. The national bank becomes its favored and most exclusive creditor. The people's currency that is free from interest is to be destroyed and the vacuum filled with a currency for which they will be compelled to pay to the national bank annual, semiannual and quarterly interest. Its issue and control will be absolutely in their hands. The system in time is to be developed along the lines of what is known as the bankers' "Baltimore plan," under which they can inflate or contract the volume of currency whenever and wherever it suits their designs.

In a country the greatest and wealthiest the sun ever shone upon, where there is no royalty, the national bank is to be enthroned as absolute monarch and its stockholders permanently quartered upon the people's wealth and enterprise. The national bank is the organized power that gives life and movement to this conspiracy against the people. It has many and powerful allies who, on account of fear or favor or connection, are in sympathy with all its objects. Its attitude today makes it easy to understand the indignation of Jefferson when he declared that a national bank was more dangerous to the liberties of the people than a hostile army, and how Andrew Jackson was prompted to set his iron heel on the neck of the old national bank and grind the life out of it. It is guaranteed. J. R. Adams & Son. s

OXIDIZED ITEMS.

Clover hulling is in order.

Mrs. William Graham, who has been low with consumption for some time, is now at the point of death.

Mr. W. R. McCarty's child, which has been afflicted with fevers, is now improving.

Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Wilkey of Green county, Indiana, were the guests of J. W. Ridge this week.

Quite a number of the people of this place and vicinity attended the G. B. association at Velpen commencing on the 25th inst., and continuing until the 27th inst.

There will be a revival meeting commence at this place next Sunday night. The people purpose erecting a shed in which to hold the meeting. Rev. N. P. Brittingham, Rev. Wm. McCarty, Rev. R. M. Barrett and Rev. Chesser will be present during the meeting.

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When suffering from a severe cold and your throat and lungs feel sore, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar, when the soreness will be at once relieved, a warm, grateful feeling and healing.

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OTWELL ITEMS.

Flem Case is on the sick list.

Dr. C. Abbott is having a bar built.

Mrs. John Garland is on the sick list.

Lizzie and Joseph McKnight are on the sick list.

Miss Alice Secat of Sullivan is visiting Miss Ida Wiseman.

Mrs. Jennie Morgan returned to her home at Montgomery.

Zenia and Gertie Mount of Cato, were the guests of F. Bartl and family last Thursday.

Jesse V. Chaille, daughter and son have gone to Daviess county to attend the Baptist association.

JAMES COOPER.

TRUST ESTATE IN NEW JERSEY.

New Jersey is ruled by the corporations. True to their history, the courts have held that the American Tobacco company may sell its goods to whom it pleases the same as an individual, without violating the antitrust law. It is well known that the tobacco company preserves its monopoly by refusing to sell goods to retailers who buy of other manufacturers.—Buffalo Courier.

NO COMPETITION.

The people who are getting gold standard prices for cotton are not competing very strongly against the Rothchild syndicate for Mr. McKinley's gold basis bonds.—St. Louis Journal of Agriculture.

NO COMPETITION.

And welcome home the gallant boys who bravely wore the blue.

And camp them there as silver Democrats.

—G. B. HUGHES.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Polly A. Humphrey, widow of Abijah Humphrey, died Monday, August 20, 1898, of heart failure. She was the daughter of James and Margaret Chapman, and was born in the state of Kentucky, November 20, 1830. At the age of four years she moved with her parents to Warren county, Indiana. She was married September 8, 1840, to Abijah Humphrey, and immediately settled on the farm where she died.

She was the mother of twelve children, eight are dead and four are living—two sons and two daughters—Joseph

Humphrey of Oakland City, Benjamin

Humphrey, Sarah Beatty and Jane Gourley, who live near here. We have personally known her for more than fifty years.

Although she was not a member of any church organization, she was one of God's most noble handiworks.

She was as devoted as any Christian as we ever knew,

kind and devoted to her husband, a loving and affectionate mother.

Her heart and hand were always open to the poor; always ready to visit the sick and afflicted, with kind words of comfort for those in trouble, and charity for all, and after having spent a long and useful life died without an enemy.

Her life was like a beautiful clear

spring day, bringing forth beautiful flowers,

bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever

sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains,

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